

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are cancelled in the application. New Claims 10-13 have been added.

Applicant's Attorney acknowledges a telephonic interview was conducted with Examiner El-Hady on February 8, 2005 where the Action Made Final and the cited reference, Barker, et al. (US6363421) were discussed. Applicant's Attorney appreciates the helpful comments of Examiner El-Hady regarding proposed claim amendments. Those claim amendments are included herein.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Barker et al. (US6363421). Claim 9 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barker in view of Liem et al. (US5960342).

Applicant's Attorney relies on the arguments put forth in the Amendment filed August 11, 2004 to traverse the rejections. To further clarify the invention, claims have been recast in system form to positively recite "one or more management systems for managing network elements". Thus, Barker does not anticipate or suggest a telecommunications network comprising one or more management systems for managing the network elements, and a managed network element that includes a CORBA-based server; plural CORBA-based managed objects accessible by the CORBA-based server; and a CORBA-based applications programming interface coupled to the CORBA-based server, the API coupled to at least one of the management systems for managing the CORBA-based objects therefrom, as recited in claim 10.

The cited reference Liem adds nothing with respect to use of a CORBA-based server in a managed network element.

Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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